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ANNUAL MINISTRY
REPORT 2021



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Rev & Mrs Crum from Park Community Church with Rev & Dr Mulandi

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OUR VISION

Christ-centred Church; Strong Families; Transformed Nations.

OUR MISSION

A worshipping community of the Lord Jesus Christ that is advancing the kingdom of God through the power of the Holy Spirit

OUR VALUES

1. Bible based preaching and living
2. Vibrant worship and engaging prayer
3. Multiplying and equipping believers to maturity
4. Holistic transformation of family, community and nation
5. Excellence and integrity in the stewardship of gifts and resources

OUR STRATEGIC MINISTRY PRIORITIES

1. Worship, Prayer and Teaching

Rooted in the Word and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we will reach out in our worship services through prophetic and relevant preaching and teaching, rich expressions of worship, and greater engagement in prayer.

GOAL: By 2023 - increased spiritual engagement and expression of regular congregants through worship, prayer and the word.

2. Discipleship, Mentoring and Leadership

We will initiate a discipleship, mentoring and leadership program that the whole church goes through, touching on children all the way to adult ministries.

GOAL: By 2023 - increased spiritual maturity of regular congregants through effective discipleship, mentorship and leadership development.

3. Evangelism, Outreach, and Church Planting

We will be passionate in reaching out through holistic evangelism in our congregations and neighbourhoods, plant new churches in Nairobi and the counties, and beyond Kenya, as well as strengthen our social justice ministries.

GOAL: By 2023 - regular congregants are participating in holistic outreach, evangelism and viable Church Planting.

4. Rebuilding the ministry to Children, Youth and Young Adults

Aware of the demographic make-up of our nation, repentant of our past failures, and reaching back to our 'DNA' of innovation and pioneering, we will rebuild and invest in the ministry to children, the youth, and young adults to make them vibrant again and equip them for ministry.

GOAL: By 2023 - Children, Youth, and Young Adults actively and variously engaged in influencing the world around them by living out and sharing their Christian testimony.

5. Streamlining our Governance and Management Structures

We will restructure our governance and management in order to allow the Senior Pastor and the pastorate to provide leadership in the ministry and management of the church, while the elders provide the oversight, guidance and support.

GOAL: By 2023 - our governance and management structures are aligned and strengthened effectively overseeing the affairs of NBC and its growth.

THE CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Another year to celebrate God's faithfulness! He has been an oasis for us as individuals and as the NBC Church body; renewing, restoring, recharging and granting peace and comfort in the more difficult months. Here we are again to celebrate his amazing grace and his praiseworthy deeds amongst us.

a) Transition of Senior Pastor

We installed the Senior Pastor towards the end of last year. The service was graced by the immediate former Senior Pastor, as well as other former Senior Pastors. Even the very first Senior Pastor who could not travel due to age sent his congratulatory note and watched online. We are grateful for the transition in pastoral leadership. The Elders' Court continues to work closely with, and support the Senior Pastor as he shepherds NBC.

b) NBC Ministry

In addition to all the ministry activities that go on in NBC, the pastorate have exceptionally supported the congregation, especially during benevolence, when families most require pastoral care. The services have been vibrant and fellowships engaging. We hope that each NBC regular has a testimony of God's transformative power in their own lives, and how God has used each one to impact others for His glory. The report herein is a brief summary as a testimony of God at work in his church, here at NBC.



Mr. Solomon Osundwa - Chairman of Elders' Court

c) Partnership

The Elders, together with the Pastorate, have continued to nurture ongoing partnerships. There have been several joint meetings, including prayer sessions, with leadership from one of the sister churches. We have continued the relationship with Park Community Church, Chicago and thank God that their former Senior Pastor, now missionary, visited and even preached at the Ngong Road family service. We look forward to a strengthened partnership as God leads us to new frontiers to do mission work together.

The Elders' took time to review membership in affiliate umbrella bodies, as well as the concerns previously raised by members. Some of the key considerations to be made in deciding on the affiliation included but not limited to:

- i. Our identity and strategic affiliation desire; that is, the gaps we experience when not affiliated
- ii. The promises of each of the possible umbrella organizations and how they meet our desire
- iii. The contribution we are likely to make in, or through such affiliations

Having considered several of the umbrella bodies, the Elders agreed and settled, that the Evangelical Alliance of Kenya (EAK) is most strategic and best captures NBC's interest for involvement with evangelical, like-minded churches. The mission of EAK is to empower Evangelicals to bring God's transforming grace to the people of Kenya through a united prophetic voice and holistic ministries.



Senior Pastor anointed for service

d) Strategic plan

Ministry activities aimed at achieving the impact expected out of the strategic plan have taken a slight shift, inevitably because of the external environment. A key growth has been in what we call 'the virtual church', those that identify with NBC online, and not likely to come to church. This is challenging the Church today to consider new forms of outreach, to the virtual congregation. We continue to trust God to use NBC to plant seeds of the gospel, water with the gospel, as well as have the joy of harvesting for the kingdom.

The current strategic plan was stretched to 2023 after an elaborate mid-term review, and improvements made on the goals and objectives. The Elders receive evaluation reports. It is intended that the end-term evaluation of the current strategic plan shall be undertaken closer to the close date of the current plan, and trust God to guide us in formulating another one that begins in 2024.

e) Property matters

- a) The Church Trustees continue to hold all of NBC property in trust. We thank God for their engagement. They have held several meetings this year and even took time to visit NBC properties, including the leased properties where the Assemblies meet.

b) Ngecha Road property

Following approval by members to dispose of a portion of the Ngecha Road property, a task force was put together that has continued to follow up the matter, including sub-division of the land into one acre and one and a half acre portions. We obtained change of use from the Nairobi County Government, and approval of the same from the Ministry of lands.

LOOKING FORWARD

- a) Elders together with management shall guide the change process, following amendment of the Church Constitution, should members approve it.
- b) Emphasis on training and equipping leaders towards going out and being agents of the gospel wherever they are. We also look forward to reigniting missions and outreach, especially for the NBC Ngong Road congregation.

A NOTE FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

It is already one year since I rejoined NBC, praise the Lord! I have found a warm, God-loving and growing congregation. I also found a very charged and supportive staff team. For all these blessings and more, I praise the Lord.

In this year of seizing the moment, I pray that God's Word, preached from the pulpit, discussed in small groups and even in your own quiet time, has challenged your intellect, moved your heart and transformed your life. We received wonderful reports of opportunities that many of you seized and made an impact in the lives of others, to the glory of God. A number of our members were appointed into influential positions, and they continue to shine the light of Christ in those different environs.

Prayer

The prayer life of the Church has been so encouraging. We have experienced growth in the weekly Thursday prayer service, as well as other prayer forums, especially during prayer and fasting seasons. The Intercessory Ministry Team is vibrant and engaged in regular prayer over the Church and Nation. Prayer has become our starting point in everything. I urge each person to ensure they engage in any of the corporate prayer sessions. There is power when we ask, seek and knock together.



Munengi Mulandi, Senior Pastor



Senior Pastor teaching on prayer NBC Kibera

Staff development

The Deputy Senior Pastor and I have been conducting trainings for pastors which includes theory and practical training in ministry, in regard to Holy Communion, conducting weddings, funerals among other pastoral work. The pastors are now confident to conduct Church ordinances. We shall have a special induction service early in 2022. We are also intentionally empowering the lady pastors, building their capacity to be able to lead a congregation. The pastorate has been involved in numerous speaking engagements beyond NBC as part of their exposure and development. Different pastors have preached in Christian unions in various universities, high schools, Primary schools through the PPI (Program for Pastoral Instruction), and other churches. The prose and pictorial reports of the very large ROPES class in Farasi Lane Primary School, has been a great delight. The pastors have also been part of discussion panels in various topics as well as conferences. We thank God for these opportunities

Ministry Performance against strategic plan

Annual work plans are developed with activities geared towards achieving the outcomes and strategic objectives. These activities are monitored on a quarterly basis. Between January and June 2021, close to three quarter of the planned activities within this period, across all ministries and assemblies, had taken place. The Covid-19 pandemic evidently affected ministry activities, especially when there was lock-down as happened in March to mid- May 2021; and not all ministries could switch smoothly to the virtual platform for instance Outreach. Much more ministry has taken place through visitation and pastoral care to families especially that are bereaved. We thank God for his enablement.

God graciously enabled us to close the resource mobilization initiative 'Lift the axe' at close to 100% plus of the target. We are humbled and ask like David, "Who are we Lord that you would be so mindful of us?" To God be the glory for this thing He has done for us.

We appreciate all co-workers in the ministry, your engagement in the Lord's vineyard at NBC is a blessing. May the Lord reward each of you and bless you in excess of the sacrifices you have made.



Transforming Nations - NBC member appointed
Hon. Consulate of Togo to Kenya

Looking forward

We look back with thanksgiving for the far the Lord has brought us; we look forward in faith and vigor, because we know God is calling us to be in step with Him, as a Christ-centered Church, that is building Strong Families and Transforming Nation.

The ministry plans and budgets for 2022 are ready and shall be presented to members during the Members Day. A key emphasis for the year will be equipping God's people for effective ministry in their areas of professional calling, and engagement with mission work. God has a task for us as NBC community, and we shall trust and obey.

"Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go;
Never fear, only trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there is no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey"

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GLOBAL MISSIONS
AND OUTREACH

We are closing the year with excitement and gratitude to God for His abundant grace in the ministry we do in Kwale, Kibera, student sponsorship, entrepreneurship trainings, social welfare outreaches, mission relationships of Marsabit, the work we do with mission organizations, the work we support Christian unions to do and even standing with the Abled differently people.



Kwale Bapo scholars fellowship in Dima

1. KWALE MISSION

- a. A new youth ministry is in force. Pastor Kingsley, our missionary in Kwale, is training all local Churches on how to do youth ministry. Youths were initially not attending services. In addition, a Christian discipleship program is picking well. Youths come to DIMA mission center on Saturday afternoons. Youths from other faiths are also now interested and have requested to attend even the staff devotion on Wednesdays. There is fire burning.
- b. We have started missionary home visits targeting 20 new families who are being visited monthly. During each visit, a Bible story is shared and relationships enhanced.
- c. PPI (Program on Pastoral Instruction) is a God-given program initiated by the government for religious groups to provide spiritual guidance to pupils. We have grabbed that opportunity in Kwale and Eastleigh to cultivate Christian behavior formation among children in various schools. We have trained fifteen (15) PPI implementers and are in partnership with ten (10) schools. We target to reach three thousand (3,000) pupils with interactive gospel through this program by 2022. This year, we have interacted with One thousand nine hundred (1,900) in five (5) schools. Children are beginning to attend services and we believe we are getting secret children believers through this.
- d. Our health ministry in Kwale faces a new momentum. There are more vibrant staff supporting our Nurse, and more Saturday in-home medical outreach is winning souls of those neglected as they experience our love. Meet the late Mama Fatuma for example, who invited Christ into her life during such efforts and rested in the Lord. She lived alone, neglected but found company in the family of God. She was given a Christian burial. May she dance with angels in glory.



Mama Fatuma welcoming missionaries

We continued to see fruits of the seeds planted in 2020. The NBC Men fellowship Ngong road initiated a campaign for treatment against Hydrocele. Many men often live with this disease and hold some traditional myths about it. As a result, many die prematurely. Last year, NBC paid NHIF for several men in Kwale and with the help of our Men fellowship, those men were treated and recovered completely. As a result, word went round that the disease is treatable. The demand for treatment has risen so high that the Kwale hospital has scheduled regular surgeries every September. This year we mobilized about five (5) to be operated on, without having to inject funds. That is attitude change.

2. KIBERA MISSION

We continue to meet health needs of Kibera community. The client flow has increased from thirty (30) per day to about sixty (60) per day. Seeing people from unreached group interested in becoming community health volunteer has encouraged our hearts. We support fifteen (15) families living with or affected by HIV/Aids.



Mask donation chemi chemi clinic



A mentor having fellowship with some of her mentees that have completed college

3. FRIENDS OF SOMALI MISSION

NBC supports several missionaries working with unreached and special people groups, on a quarterly basis. We continue with outreach in Eastleigh doing PPI in several high schools. Some students later look for our missionaries wanting to become believers, the 'Nicodemus' way. We have an office base in Eastleigh to respond to needs of the community. The English-teaching program continues, with a wider scope provided by online classes. We are in need of more teachers for this ministry.

We continue to partner with a missionary who has an online media ministry that specifically targets this community with the gospel. The ministry reaches about five thousand (5,000) viewers weekly. The Bible is read audibly and explanations given. This elicits many questions and many secret believers are engaging and growing in Christ.

Meet brother XX (name withheld), a young man who became a follower of Jesus in January 2021, through the media ministry. He lives with his family in 'S'.



Home visits in Kwale for Bapo scholars families

4. EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE OUTREACH

- a) The Education program – Bapo Scholars is supporting seventy six (76) children in High school and colleges. Majority of the sponsored children come from Kwale and Kibera, our mission fields. We thank God for the improved performance we are seeing. We have taken many to colleges this year from Kwale in addition to our first ever University student of 2020. Generally, we are finding value for this outreach in that about ninety percent (90%) of last year's candidates have now joined colleges. The ministry co-workers have organized themselves into groups of mentors. Every sponsored child has a mentor who follows up on spiritual and socio-economic issues as well as connecting to the families. We do remedial tuition lessons during the short holidays albeit Covid-related challenges.
- b) The Love Box: We thank everybody who gave toward the love box. The Lead Pastors have reported like David "My cup is filled to overflow...". Food has continuously been given to some of our struggling congregants. A few had unique needs like medical attention and the Love Box kitty took care of that. Every month we distribute food items to assemblies and mission stations worth Kes. 150,000. Thank you NBC congregations for your generous giving.
- c) We have continued to meet the needs of those abled differently. We have partnered with some institutions like Joseph Kangethe Primary school which has a wing for non-hearing children. We have started doing PPI in sign language and are piloting a feeding program for some of them. Wheel chair distribution continues, to individuals on need basis and in partnership with Spinal Injury Hospital.

5. OUTREACH TO SMALL ENTREPRENEURS

We are developing an academy for training small needy entrepreneurs who have been supported with our sponsorship and could not proceed to college. This year we have trained, visited and retrained 15 small entrepreneurs who are part of the academy. Some of them are not very young and are grateful to NBC for the skills building



Entrepreneurship ministry team members visiting one of the Business mentees at her workplace

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ADMINISTRY

We thank God for enabling us support the work of ministry during the prolonged season of uncertainty caused by the pandemic. His grace is indeed sufficient and all glory and honor belong to him.

ENHANCED TECHNOLOGY

a) Internet

We worked towards ensuring all assemblies had the pre-requisite infrastructure to live-stream their services. Due to cash-flow constraints, purchases of equipment were queued and at the time of this report, only NBC Kibera and the Youth Service at NBC Ngong Road (Bethel Sanctuary) were remaining to be fully facilitated. We experienced challenges in live-streaming services at NBC Ngong Road, due to internet fluctuation emanating from policy changes in telecom companies. Network stabilization became a priority, which resulted in procurement of dedicated internet services from Liquid Telkom. The bandwidth increased significantly in preparation for live-stream of the Youth Service. The team is sourcing for viable solutions to improve connectivity in the Assemblies as well.

b) Virtual meetings

Meetings, fellowships, prayer services and numerous other ministry engagements have happened online via the subscribed Zoom accounts.

c) Mobile App

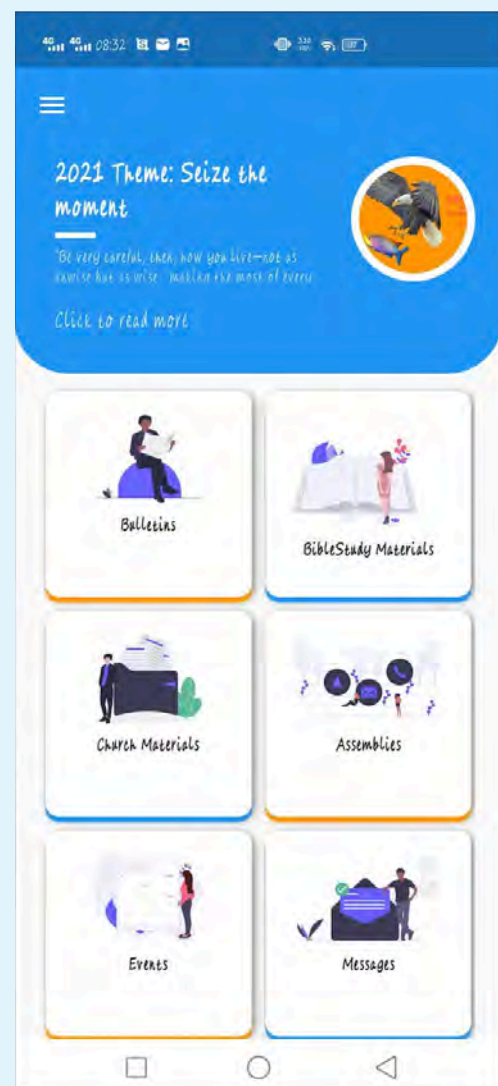
In an effort to enhance communication, the Church has developed an NBC Mobile App. The App, after several development improvements has been accepted and published on the Google Play Store and is on trial internally before it can be launched to the congregants.

'THE AXE WAS LIFTED'

Under the guidance of the Resource Mobilization Team, the target amount for the fundraising initiative was realized, and the overdraft amount fully paid off. We praise God for his provision, through the generous giving of his people at NBC. In what seemed like a difficult year economically, a bountiful supply was experienced. The church can now focus better on ministry activities. We look forward to the sale of a portion of Ngecha Road property, as approved by members, and the resulting reduction of the monthly loan installments to the bank.

STREAMLINING PROCESSES

- With the help of procurement and IT specialist, we were able to identify a Procurement System that is intended to simplify the process. Purchase of the system was held until cash-flow improves.
- Before the 2022 planning and budgeting commenced, a pre-budget forum was held for all ministry leaders, spearheaded by the Finance Committee of the Elders Court. We thank God for the opportunities he has provided for processes to be synergized at different levels of operations.



Mobile app home page

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Church, through HR Office, developed a list of competencies required of employees of NBC. In the past two years, there has been an emphasis towards growth in the different competencies. The areas of growth are identified through an appraisal process, and thereafter staff are enabled to grow in the identified areas. The Senior Pastor and Deputy Senior Pastor conducted in-house training for pastoral staff. In addition, several of the pastors are pursuing theological studies.

A Training and development manual was developed and approved. We continue to trust God for the resources to support staff for both short term and long term training.

PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

We are grateful for the work the NBC Investment Company has put into revamping the borehole. There has been a lot of plumbing working happening. We look forward to full utilization of the water. Several other projects are pending awaiting sufficient funds, including: Painting of Old Office block, Bethel perimeter wall, renovation of Old Hall prayer room, and completion of the playground/rest area.

STAFF TRANSITION

i. Entry

The Senior Pastor joined us towards the end of last year, we thank God for giving us an able leader for this season of NBC. Pastor in Charge of Operations and an assistant Accountant joined the staff team this year.

ii. Exits

We bid farewell to Pastor Simon Kande who went on to lead FOCUS Kenya, James Gatiba who worked in the finance office and went to pursue further studies and Bob Odack a security guard from our Kwale Mission Station.

We have had the opportunity to partner with several organizations including World Vision to host a Kenya Church Taskforce breakfast meeting and the most recent partnership with Nairobi Metropolitan Services, for a vaccination drive at NBC Ngong Road in October 2021. The Lord be praised.



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NBC NGONG ROAD

WORSHIP PRAYER AND TEACHING

a) Preaching and Services

This year we put together a team called the "series crafting team". This team thinks about the services a month in advance and discusses how we can make the sermon themes and services as a whole more tangible, clear and interesting. This includes thinking creatively about the stage set up. For example with regards to the stage set up, at the beginning of the year we did a backdrop of the annual theme "Seize the moment" on stage. In April we changed the set to include elements of Easter. The tomb, the three crosses, the crown of thorns and a red/scarlet fabric on the cross denoting the blood of Christ. These elements complemented the Easter series that we did on Sundays for about two months. In October we had a throne on stage with a crown as we looked at the series "King me". Due to finances we cannot change the set up as often as we would like or make the set as elaborate as we would like. Some of the preachers have also worked with the creative team to find props and other elements to enhance their sermons. e.g. trees on stage etc.



Worship service

In this season with regards to the creative in the services we have had to rely heavily on video clips and the media. Some creative elements that have been brought in by the series crafting team are "Sermon series" trailers which are short video clips that give an overview of the sermon series and help the congregation understand the context of the series. We have also had Video testimonies from congregants during some series in line with the preaching topic of the day, pre-recorded video Bible readings by congregants and other special themed video clips for example for Mother's day and Father's day. Other elements brought into the service by the series crafting team are: memory verses, where we encourage the congregation to memorize a specific verse relating to the sermon series.

During this quarter we had quite a few special themed services. At the end of April we had a youth led service in which the youth ministry led every aspect of the service. In May we had Mother's day that was combined with the Ropes graduation service. We therefore brought out the two themes by having the Ropers be the ones to celebrate Mother's day creatively via media clips. We also emphasized the ROPES program and the purpose

and benefits of doing it. In May we had a special themed month with the series "Sheltered". The aim of this series was to speak into the current situations that people are facing. This was an amazing series as it helped the congregation to really grasp the fact that they are indeed sheltered by God. In the same month we also had Pentecost Sunday during which we emphasized the Presence of the Holy Spirit to bring healing in families with conflict.

b) Music

The music teams served through a tough season when the church was fully online. Every Thursday and Sunday they gave of their time, gifts and energy to serve in the services even when most ministries had to come to a halt they continued on in their service. We are grateful to all the music teams that helped to remind us as a church to fix our eyes on God through musical worship. We are also grateful for the many hours they put in to prepare for the services.



Worship team during a Sunday service

The preaching plan is sent in advance to the music team so that they can prepare song lists in line with the sermon series. This has helped to ensure that the teams base their song selection on the word of God and that the music remains Christ centered. Each week during practice the team discusses the scripture of the week, share and pray together. This has enabled the music teams to support the preaching team and bring unity in the service with regards to the theme of each service.

The Music team led us in amazing worship & prayer experience services at the end of May and August. And there is another coming at the end of October. During each of these services the congregation really engaged in the time of prayer and worship and actually didn't want to leave. We had to end the services due to the time constraints set by the government. The aim of these services is to encourage the congregation to spend more time than usual in musical worship and prayer. And to teach about prayer and worship with the aim of growing us as a congregation in prayer and worship. They have been beautiful times of connecting with the Lord. Every fourth Sunday the Youth and NMC music teams combine for the Holy Communion service. This has been a good time of interaction and building between the older and younger music team. Worship team members have done a good job of supporting in NBC events as much as is possible. E.g. they have played & sang at many funerals.

A small team of 5 people from the teams have worked on an original song. God willing we shall record it soon and upload it onto YouTube. Although we have not been able to do live concerts due to the pandemic, the music team in conjunction with the media team recorded a Crucifixion medley of songs that will be uploaded onto our YouTube channel. In addition, in October, in partnership with Nairobi Chapel South, Nairobi Chapel Ngong road and Sstream organization a team from NBC and Nairobi Chapel South recorded a concert that will be streamed online on Mashujaa day on the our social media platforms. The concert is themed "Mashujaa Legacy project" and is a celebration of the worship music released by artists in the 80's and 90's. We hope in time that we will be able to do a live worship concert.

We have had a few new members join the music team. We hope to run a recruitment drive as we still need more instrumentalists and male vocals.

c) Prayer

This year the prayer ministry has been revitalized even in the midst of the pandemic. The prayer leadership team picked up the baton of prayer and have run with it fervently. We have mobilized people to join church the prayer team so that we can have more people participating in prayer. This has been happening through networks in the church and the team has grown from a team of 4 to 5 people, to 50 people in the team. We thank God. We therefore now have two teams. The prayer leadership team as well as the wider team of prayer warriors. On the 11th of June the wider prayer team had a meeting with the Senior Pastor during which he cast the vision for the prayer ministry, we then spent some time in prayer for this vision. The leadership team develops monthly prayer bulletins circulated to congregants for weekly prayer. The wider team meets every First Friday for an "Evening of prayer." They have also set aside every Thursday as a day of prayer.

We continue to encourage the congregation to participate in Church wide prayer. Every Thursday and Sunday before the services we have pre-service prayers on zoom as well as in person (on Sunday). We have worked with the global prayer team to encourage people to participate in the weeks of prayer and fasting. During the weeks



Praying for Counties and Country

of prayer and fasting, we had Friday evening prayers on zoom from 8pm to 10pm for all NBC congregations. We also had lunch hour prayers each week day open to members of the congregation. We had more numbers than we have ever seen before joining these different prayer meetings. e.g for the lunch hour prayer although each day the numbers were different we fluctuated between 40 and 90 something people online for prayer. In the past we used to be about 20 people attending the lunch hour prayers. So we thank God for this breakthrough. We also had a 24 hour prayer chain throughout the weeks of prayer and fasting with different ministries taking up each day of the week.

On the 3rd of October the prayer ministry launched "prayer for the counties" spearheaded by a small team from the wider prayer team. This prayer will run until the National elections in 2022.

Finally, the prayer service continues to be a place where people can gather together to seek the face of the Lord every Thursday. The curfew affected this service quite a bit however we thank God that when we re-opened the in-person service we are slowly growing. We have had some amazing sermon series on prayer during this service. We have also had special services like testimony services & extended prayer & worship services. We thank God for fanning the flames of prayer in our midst.

Ushering

We thank God for all those that have continued to serve as ushers even in trying times. We had a meeting with the usher heads to discuss the ushering ministry and any issues that have come up. They mentioned that their ministry has really been hit during the pandemic with several team members not yet back to active ministry. We discussed the way forward and how we can re-build the ministry. We hope to recruit some more ushers into the ministry. We hope to have a fellowship for all active ushers soon.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The year began with uncertainties carried forward from 2020. It had been weeks since children had attended church in-person, we wondered when we would open. Would we really have any activities given the tight school program? How would we close off the ROPES class with camps not tenable? So many questions without answers; yet here we are at the close of the year to testify of the Lord's faithfulness.



Sunday worship service

a) Worship

The online Sunday Children's service has continued to minister to children not only in NBC but across the globe as it is streamed live on NBC KIDS CHURCH YOUTUBE. Sunday school opened with pomp in February 2021, but had to close only after three Sunday's due to the third wave of Covid-19. The ministry continued to stream engaging Children's service and send out Bible lessons until reopening in March 2021. The picture story during the Service is quite interactive with children answering questions on the YouTube chat, while in the 'Circle Square' segment of the service, videos sent by various children and parents are played back. Having children

participate in the service including leading service, leading music and playing instruments has been such a highlight for the pastorate. We truly appreciate the parents for ensuring their children are engaged with church, especially during those difficult months, and sometimes going ahead to participate in activities during the week and sending in their videos.

b) Classes

We have managed to cluster the children and utilize other spaces within the premises, such as youth centre, Daystar university classrooms and the Men's corner to ensure children are well spaced out. The number of children attending in-person fluctuates, but in the third quarter the number of children attending service grew from an average of two hundred (200) children to about 800 children, which was the usual pre-Covid. Some of the topics covered in the Bible lessons this year include: Trust in God, God the source of truth, Honesty, made in the Image of God, Unshakeable confidence and others). Currently the lessons are on prayer tying in with The African Children's Prayer Day taking place on 3rd October, for all churches.

ROPES class of 2020 graduated in May 2021 with an innovatively coordinated online camp over 4 days, highlight in the family service, and a special hybrid service in which 38 graduated and were celebrated for the transition and handed over to Teens Ministry.



ROPES graduation

c) Outreach

The Program for Pastoral Instruction (PPI) slowed down as most schools were cautious. We continued with one of the schools sharing in their online School assembly once a week and in the month of May, we were invited to resume PPI in another of the schools. We thank God for this opportunity. During the short school holiday in June 2021, some Sunday school teachers, in partnership with Missions Department, trained school teachers on how to engage children through the PPI program. What a fruitful time as these teachers will go ahead to teach many children in the Dima area; all glory and honor to the Lord.

The Children's Ministry co-workers have been amazing in ministering to the children. We have experienced: an urgency in teaching the gospel to children, an increase in creativity and individual growth, to which we can only attribute to the Holy Spirit at work in and amongst us. The team regularly prays together, and meet often to plan lessons and weekly crafts. Our prayer is that their strength shall be renewed day by day, and they shall reap a rich reward for their service to God's children.



Worship at Children's Tabernacle

YOUTH MINISTRY

a) Youth services

At the beginning of the year, the service was affected by the lockdown at the onset of the third wave of the pandemic. Having learnt from last year, we immediately switched to online engagement and interaction with God's word. Some of the lessons covered this year, both in the Sunday services and online fellowships include: Who am I? (Identity), Mind Your Mind (Mental Health), Sex and the Christian, Navigating Transitions etc. To enhance family worship, the youth service joins the family service every 4th Sunday of the month for collective worship including partaking in Holy Communion. Worship experience and extended prayer were incorporated during our Sunday services in the months of January and May 2021.

The Youth held a concert in February on the theme of love, and another in September 2021 dubbed 'Loved Cherished Affirmed' in which gifts in music and poetry were utilized, to the glory of God. We appreciate the parents who accompanied their children and who actively continue to support the youth ministry.



Sunday service

b) Prayer

Youth leaders had been gathering together at Arboretum every last Saturday of the month for prayer. An exciting initiative which was affected during lock down and extra caution to pandemic protocols. In addition to youth prayer sessions, the youth have participated in the weekly prayer service, and Church prayer and fasting sessions, with Young Adults taking a 24-hour prayer chain. We thank God for this, as we pray that He will ignite prayer even more.

c) Discipleship

- i. ROPES (Rites of Passage Experiences) is a discipleship program that prepares pre-teens as they transition into adult life. The program is now coordinated from Youth Ministry, after which they transition to Teens Ministry. The 2022 class began in August 2021 with an average of 40 ROPERS participating.
- ii. IMPACT: Ex-candidates mentorship took place although not for the usual length of time. Despite the challenges of Covid and changes in school calendar, we managed to have weekly meetings for about 15 ex-cans between July and August 2021.
- iii. The Bible Book Club (BBC) was created where our youth discuss books of the Bible within the context of a small group. The idea is like that of a book club, only that the book being discussed is the Bible. So far, we have studied the books of Jude, Jonah and Galatians.
- iv. One of our young adults held a weekly online Bible quiz that had a number of young adults from NBC and outside participate every Thursday evening.

d) Young Adults

Although it seemed as though there would not be any outreach activities, we are grateful for the few opportunities to engage with some university Christian leaders as well as speaking at Christian Unions in JKUAT, Medical School, Karatina University and Co-operative University.

We are grateful to God that season after season, a new crop of leaders arises to take over Youth Leadership. These are young men and women who have given of themselves to God's service, even as they attend school or grow in their areas of career. This is a great blessing for NBC. 2021 was one such season where transition of leadership took place in a colorful ceremony on 18th July 2021. Youth ministry co-workers came together for a luncheon fellowship in February 2021, we look forward to many more such fellowships in the coming year.



Youth Concert

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

We are grateful to God that discipleship in various forms has continued, even with meeting restrictions. Now more than ever, the urgent need for growing, resolved Christ followers is evident, which can only take place when we disciple and as we as are disciplined by others.

a) Small Groups

All small groups have continued to receive study materials. One person was trained to join the dedicated team of two (2) who have developed the Home Group Fellowship (HGF) materials each month. Twenty five (25) people have been plugged into existing HGFs or other Discipleship groups. Pastors have been visiting the HGFs, most of which are virtual, with occasional physical visits. We are grateful for the care and support the small groups have provided when bereavement has come to one of them.

The ministry has continued to be involved with discipleship of medical students, with an additional seven leaders recruited and trained to lead groups. The church had the opportunity to host the weekly medical student's fellowship, for several weeks before they were moved online.



Youth Leadership Transition

b) Baptism

Twelve (12) new believers have gone through the new believers classes in 2021. The restrictions on baptism have not been relaxed and we look forward to baptizing these and other new believers.

c) Membership

Fourteen (14) new members were received as members in June 2021 and twenty four (24) were received in September 2021. Twelve (12) more have been recruited and they shall be processed which we hope to receive before the year ends.

d) Welcomers and Hospitality

The welcomers resumed ministry as soon as in-person services resumed. It has been difficult to track the online visitors. Of the nineteen (19) visitors with whom we had contact with this year, seven (7) have been plugged into small groups. We are yet to have the hospitality team that serves tea and closely interacts with first time visitors, back due to the COVID restrictions.

We were able to partner with Parklands Baptist Church in planning and holding a Discipleship Conference in the month of March 2021. The Conference gave rise to further conversations around pastors and discipleship which we continue to be involved with in partnership.

We look forward to resumption of ministries that have been constrained by Covid restrictions such as hospital visitation and prisons ministry. We thank God for strengthening us to journey on in faith.

FAMILY CARE MINISTRY

Family Care is a vast ministry and as the name suggests, it is aimed at caring for the family through the different functions and seasons of life and ensure holistic wellness. The ministry therefore coordinates fellowships among women and among men, so that they are built up in the faith. In addition will coordinate pre-marital classes, marriage enrichment, Olives-ministry for and to widows, GOLDS-a fellowship for those who are faced with separation or divorce, benevolence and grief support ministries, counselling, Jars of Clay-ministering to persons with terminal or other long-term illnesses and their caregivers, Daughters of Ruth and Caleb Generation-a fellowship for senior citizens. We are grateful for the Leadership Team as well as the very committed Ministry Leaders in each of these ministries. We continue to pray for strong families in NBC, and the godly heritage in children who come out of these families.

Drawing from the lessons learnt last year, each of these ministries have learnt to meet online for their regular meetings.

Angaza ladies ministry

The monthly ladies fellowships have continued to meet online. In the first meeting, the Senior Pastor affirmed the role of the ministry and women in the church. In other fellowships, the ladies have learnt and grown in the areas of parenting, prayer, business and investments especially in the challenging pandemic times among other lessons. A special time was a session where the olives shared at a fellowship. What a time of mentorship that was! The ministry continues to partner with and support the girls from New Scent Girls Centre. Several activities, such as a mother daughter cookout could not take place due to restrictions. Despite restrictions, ladies hosted twenty (20) ex-candidate girls as part of the mentorship and outreach program, and together with other Family care ministries undertook an outreach activities to Watoto Wema Children Home with food and clothing food during a tragic fire incident to one of their dormitories.



Receiving members

Men's Ministry

The Wednesday early Morning Prayer sessions continues online, with an average of 30 men attending. The monthly 'breakfast' Fellowship also continues online. Men have grown in the ministry. Various topics such as, generational integration, a life of ministry, integrity in the marketplace, a road map for men just to mention a few topics. The men have also supported each other especially where illness and bereavement hard pressed on one.

CALEB Generation

The have continuously bi-monthly despite the challenge of not being to meet physically. Some of the topics that have been discussed are: coping with COVID-19, challenges of retirement and building bridges with the younger generation.

Olives Ministry

The Olives ministry continues to grow I stride as a ministry. Olives has ministry meeting Bi-monthly handling topics such as Godly women I times of crisis, coping with adversity as Olives, self-care, single parenting just to mention a few.

Pre-marital Counseling (PMCC)

Two seasons of pre-marital classes have been held this year in which six (6) couples in cohort one and eight (8) couples in cohort two were prepared for marriage. We now have two small groups from these two cohorts?

Marriage Enrichment Ministry

A Marriage enrichment half day seminar took place in the month of February 2021 in which the Rev and Dr Mulandi taught on keeping love alive while raising children. The seminar combined in-person and virtual attendance with about thirty (30) couples in attendance. This year the ministry shall resume Couples Retreats, only that they shall be done differently given the times we are living in. All Couples are encouraged to plug in as we seek to grow strong families, for God's glory.



Marriage enrichment poster

Jars of Clay

The ministry has held two fellowship and prayer sessions in 2021 as a way of fellowship, friendship and spiritual support and care for those with long-term illnesses, and their care givers.

Child dedication

Parents continue to sign up for child dedication classes. This year, due to restrictions on physical meetings, we held special zoom services for the children being dedicated. We thank God for the twenty seven (27) children dedicated in April 2021 and sixteen (16) children dedicated in 2020. May God enable their parents to provide for them, and more so to bring them up in His ways.

GOLDS Ministry

The ministry continues to be a source of encouragement to those experiencing the pain of separation and divorce. More importantly they seek to be built up in faith and their walk with Christ even as they learn to navigate. Some of the topics covered in the fellowships this year have been Co-parenting, Support systems within divorce and separation, ministering to children and youth I difficult homes.

Counselling Ministry

Counselling has been a growing need given the difficulties caused by the pandemic and the multiple ripple effect on economic, mental, emotional, and relationship health. We praise God that NBC can provide c Counselling services to individual and families from through phone calls. We also thank the team for walking with the staff and facilitating debriefing sessions. The counsellors underwent a training in June 2021, on enhancing mental health in marriage and family, facilitated Amani counseling centre. The team also participates in monthly webinars.

Benevolence Ministry

It has been a year of numerous bereavements. We pray for families that have gone through grief, many having experienced this multiple times. We also extend heartfelt condolences to families of our own members who went to be with the Lord. God is faithful to uphold, and to provide healing.

Grief Support

It has been difficult to visit with and extend support to grieving families, post burial, as online meetings are not quite suitable. The team has however prayed with bereaved families and had online ministry support via zoom whenever the opportunity possible with the families.

5. MEDIA MINISTRY

The ministry has continued to live stream the family services where an average of 450 gadgets are logging in to participate in the Sunday service. We thank God for the upgrade of the internet bandwidth to 100 mbps that has gone a long way in improving our livestreaming and reducing the downtimes that were experienced earlier in the year. We praise God for the opportunity to broadcast the gospel in this way. We have also worked with assembly media teams so as to grow the co-workers as they too are all live-streaming their services.



Monthly newsletter

Productions

We appreciate the team of creative and committed co-workers in the various arms of media ministry.

- i. After developing graphics for the annual theme, the team ensured hang-up and pull-up banners were produced for all the assemblies.
- ii. Through the billboard put up by NBC Investment Company, we were able to make an invitation to the Thursday prayer service.
- iii. A collaboration between Print Media ministry team, the Media staff have produced weekly posters for both the Sunday service and Thursday prayer service, the colorful weekly bulletin; and together with the Communications office, a monthly newsletter which has been in production since June 2021.



Media production

- iv. We continue to produce weekly devotional segments (Journey through James and Habakkuk), the Cook to Serve Weekly Cooking and Discipleship segment that is in Season two (2) and our latest segment "The Shepherd's heart" hosted by the Senior Pastor.

Trainings

The Sauti School has held one session of its Module One, a 20-Week training session, in which fourteen (14) were in attendance. Other trainings held were to enhance skills on live streaming, in which ten (10) attended, Social media engagement in which eighteen (18) attended, and photography where (14) attended.

We embarked on an exercise to digitize sermons from prior years, 300 sermons have been converted and digitized in 2021.



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NBC KIBERA

We rejoice as NBC Kibera for God's love and goodness. The realities of the pandemic have been more difficult economically than health wise. God in his goodness has preserved and kept His people for which we are truly grateful, and as he has enabled us, we have pressed on in our service to him, seizing the opportunities he has presented in 2021.

a) Worship & Prayer

In-person services resumed with much excitement and vibrancy. The sanctuary has been filled to capacity all year through, and with the social distancing required, space has been a challenge.

A milestone for us was broadcasting our services through the Assembly's Facebook page, despite the limited equipment. We are grateful for all our co-workers in the various worship ministries who have applied themselves and grown in creativity this year. The church looks forward to improvement of equipment to enhance Church services.



Worship team

The church underwent "40 days of Grace and Power" starting June 2021. In addition to teaching from the pulpit, we took this time to revamp different fellowships and ministries, and celebrated the diverse cultures in the cultural Sunday through activities like;

- Sunday school teachers training
- Children-led Sunday service: where we had our Sunday school taking lead in serving.
- Kelele 4 Christ Dance concert: It brought together more than 150 young people from the Kibera community.
- Men's Prayer breakfast and church cleaning
- Women symposium
- Angaza ministry meetings
- Leaders training
- Couples dinner

Berean Hour, the Thursday prayer service, met through zoom and recorded good attendance, prior to opening up of in-person gatherings. The congregation has been going through the book of John for Bible study with interaction via WhatsApp.



Prayer Session

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We are blessed to have an exponentially growing children's ministry. We have approximately ninety (90) children as of today, as we could not accommodate them in the children's area, we began a morning service for them, before the family service.

We thank God for the Sunday school teachers who have managed to accommodate all the children who come. The ROPES 2020 graduated twenty one (21) candidates on 25th July 2021, who have transitioned to Teens ministry as well as to high school.

YOUTH MINISTRY

The youth engaged in fellowship and Bible study through zoom meetings every Saturday. The younger ladies meet monthly for 'Young shes' fellowship, while the younger men meet bi-monthly for 'Young Men's fellowship'. Some of the topics tackled in these forums include: Finances, Youth, politics, and Sexual purity (insert some of the topics) Badili graduated nine (9) candidates on 5th September 2021.





SMALL GROUPS & FELLOWSHIPS

Most HGF stopped meeting physically for safety reasons. Three (3) groups managed to meet regularly at the church. Both the ladies and men's fellowship have met at least twice each quarter for a time of encouragement as well as learning. Daughters of Ruth, our ministry to single mothers has held several meetings and fellowships while Olives, a ministry for the widows which was started last year, have had to meet closed to about five (5) times.

The Couples ministry organized a dinner on 17th July 2021, in which nineteen (19) couples attended. The office was converted into a beautiful dinner and marriages were strengthened by teaching on the topic "Friendship in Marriage".



Couples dinner



NBC Kibera Olives ministry

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Several families are still on the love-box support, we thank God for his provision. The congregation received donations of clothing and books. The leadership team and pastors visited some homes as part of pastoral care, keeping much as they could to the health guidelines.

After undertaking the respective classes, eighteen (18) new members were received in March 2021. Nine (9) children were dedicated in 26th September 2021. The registration for baptism classes has just began.

The assembly is trusting God for direction regarding entrance to the property as Kenya Railways is reclaiming their spaces, which affects the entry to the church as we know it. In all we give thanks; to God be the glory!

SENIOR PASTOR'S VISIT

We are blessed to have hosted the senior pastor as he turned 50 years on 19th of September 2021. It was a wonderful service and a great celebration. He was accompanied by his dear wife Dr. Levina Mulandi.



Senior Pastor in NBC Kibera

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NBC KITENGELA

WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Praise God for seeing us through yet another year! The congregation and service ministry teams were constantly encouraged to be open to the Holy Spirit as they worship; hence the Sunday services have not only been a warm time of fellowship, but a time to experience God's presence. We are grateful to God. Having been facilitated to live-stream, both the Kiswahili and English services have been streamed through the Assembly's YouTube channel. The media team's creativity was spurred! The team prepared various video series, recorded and uploaded several productions including life testimonies and panel discussion on various life issues. There have been several Sunday's for extended prayer and worship sessions. The weekly Friday prayer meeting also resumed in June, we have had several people join in the prayer service. We glory God for the three who gave their lives to the Lord in the service so far this year.



Worship service

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The Children have always been an integral part of our family worship service, and even when they could not meet due to pandemic related restrictions, children participated in the services through music, prayer and Bible reading. Sunday school sessions resumed immediately after the lockdown was lifted, meeting in the newly constructed Sunday school classes. We look forward to the completion of the classes. Attendance has grown the same at an average of 60-70 children attending each Sunday.



Teens ministry

YOUTH MINISTRY

The Youth Bible study continues to be vibrant, with an average of 10-15 attending every Saturday. Teenagers are also engaged in weekly Bible study when on holiday. In addition, the youth meet once a month for a fellowship. Given the change in school terms this year, the Impact (ex-candidates) Program was shortened to two months from the usual six months. We are grateful for the opportunity to impart on those who attended before transition to college. We were excited to conduct the first wedding at the Assembly, for one of our youth. We appreciate the ladies and men's ministries of the church who supported the young couple in a big way.

SMALL GROUPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

We developed material for daily family devotions and distributed them through WhatsApp groups and through Small Group leaders every week to provide the congregation with follow-up Bible studies based on the pulpit teachings



Media team

OUTREACH

Because of Covid-19 restrictions, we were not able to do missions and door to door. However, most of the outreach opportunities were online, sharing through social media handles. We gave a chance for people to donate items for the Bondeni Children's Home; and generous gifts of books and clothes were given and donated to the Home in June 2021

We rejoice in the growth, especially in online ministry. This year we established "Ladies Date", a series where women reach out by sharing and discussing life issues; and also "It's Possible", different production where people share their life stories to encourage others. May the Lord be pleased to use these avenues to draw many to himself, for his own glory.



Ladies date panelists

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WORSHIP AND PRAYER

We thank God for the great ways he is reaching his people throughout this season. We have successfully been able to do online services and we are currently on YouTube and Zoom platforms. One (1) person gave their lives to Christ in the Sunday service, glory be to God.

The training on Interpretation of the scriptures is still ongoing, aimed at equipping for personal growth as well as preaching.

The prayer ministry continues to be lively with different ministries praying on different days. The Friday prayer service has continued online via Zoom, with an average of twenty attending. An eight-week equipping training program: "Prayer is Caught" initiative started in the second quarter with twenty-five (25) participants signing up.

CHILDREN

The Sunday school is running every Sunday. We thank God for the one hundred and forty-five (145) children on average who attend on Sunday, and the teachers who diligently prepare, teach, and follow up the children. The children's music training continues every Saturday, taught by our very own vocalists and instrumentalists. It has been an amazing time to see children grow in the area of worship through music. The children have been able to lead service in worship and we thank the Lord. The children had an arts day where they came and used materials to create the full armor of God from Ephesians 6: 10-18.



Children leading worship

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

Our congregation is mainly youth and so they attend and participate in the family service. We launched the ex-candidates (Transformers) program which was quite successful. The team were taught and mentored in the areas of life skills, spiritual growth, and engaged in various experiential activities including a cook out with one of the ladies. The college Bible study was disrupted by meeting restrictions and by students learning online for a prolonged period. The Young Adults continue with weekly fellowship and a book-by-book Bible study every two weeks. They had a cookout this month which they interacted with older congregants.



Young Adults cook-out

SMALL GROUPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- a) **Home groups are a fellowship pillar for the Church.** Congregants find a place to belong within the small groups. The groups have been meeting, studying material based on preaching schedule.
- b) **Ladies ministry:** Ladies continue to meet every month for their fellowships.
- c) **Men's ministry:** The men's ministry had a father and son fellowship which was very interactive and well attended.
- d) **Couples ministry:** Ten (10) couples were able to attend a finance seminar this month which was both in person and virtual.
- (e) **Child dedication:** Seven (7) children were dedicated in the month of July.
- (f) **Membership:** This year ten (10) people were received as members.

As part of leadership development, the Lead Pastor is going through the Bible together with 12 people with whom they share highlights from daily readings and meet every Saturday for reflection, sharing and prayer. At the end of every book a guest (speaker) meets with the team for an overview of the completed book and to address questions.

Bereavements have increased this year; we pray for grace and comfort for affected families. We give praise and glory to God for we have come this far, because of His grace.



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WORSHIP AND PRAYER SERVICES

We thank God for Sunday worship services that have continued both in-person as well as virtual. In addition to the Family and Youth services on Sunday's, a Kiswahili service was launched that starts at midday on Sundays, with a hope to have a wider reach of the community around the church. The Senior citizen's service continued on Saturday evenings, while prayer service has continued online via zoom, on Friday evenings. We praise God for 46 visitors who have attended the in-person service and many more online. We are especially grateful for 15 who have given their lives to the Lord this year through the services, fellowships and outreach activities.

Prayer has become a focal point in the ministries. The prayer ministry coordinated four (4) trainings in September. Prayer chains continue each week: Women pray every Wednesday, Men on Tuesdays) and youth/young adults on Saturdays. In addition, seven (7) were recruited into the intercessors meeting.



Worship service

The congregation gained an extra-ordinary grace for giving and ideas for physical development. The development and resource mobilization team initiated ideas which resulted to surpassing the congregation's 'lift the axe' target. The giving grace has continued with different congregants giving gifts towards specific developments including repainting of the creche, hiring a caterpillar for re-routing the river and laying cabro in the youth tent.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday school was opened slowly, gradually as we monitored the health and safety requirements. We record an average of one hundred and twenty (120) in Sunday school. The teachers began the year with a training, in February 2021 with fourteen (14) teachers in attendance. We now have two children services at 10 am and 12.30 pm. It has attracted children from some boarding school. Some of the bigger children from the Boon School have given their lives to the Lord.

Children's ministry



YOUTH MINISTRY

Has been on high gear despite the pandemic restrictions. In addition to the Sunday Youth service, there have been three (3) 'hang outs', which are afternoons of fellowship that includes games, food and discussion around a life-topic. KUPAA (mentorship program for graduates) has been launched in August 2021 and key professionals from the Church have plugged in to get involved. The program has generated excitement despite disruptions by Covid19.



Youth ministry

SMALL GROUPS & FELLOWSHIPS

We thank God for the strength of our growth groups, which have been a source of encouragement and accountability for the congregation. Materials were availed for the Growth group that have been meeting mainly online, with a few meeting on Sunday's in church after the service. Thirteen (13) were received into membership, who have been plugged into various small groups. Two (2) new Bible study groups were formed among the Youth Bible and an additional one for the new adults who have joined the Church.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Most of the fellowships have been virtual with "Meet and Greet" in-person sessions in February, August, and hopefully in November. Some of the topics discussed were: Mental Wellness, Finishing strong and the Praying Mother.



Ladies ministry

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men continue their commitment to coming together. They started the year with virtual meetings and slowly tried some physical meetings which involved mountain hiking and prayer walking. They are closing the year with hybrid of both physical and virtual meetings. Some of the topics discussed in their meetings include: Be man enough, Leading from the Front and A praying parent.

COUPLES FELLOWSHIP

The ministry continued to steer fellowship and growth towards strong families. The ministry leaders meet physically every month for fellowship and prayer. The ministry is organized in 3 teams based on the number of years in marriage. We have team BenRuth (10 years and below), team Jobigail (11-20 years) and team Caleb. Each of these teams have been meeting every month virtually for prayers and enrichment discussions. New couples have been easily recruited into the teams throughout the year. A one-day Couple's retreat was held in September 2021 with lots of fun and prayer time bringing together all the teams. The beautiful theme of Pray, play and Learn attracted several new couples who have chosen to stay. Glory be to God



Couples retreat

OUTREACH

We are targeting Church mission work toward Magadi. As a start, we have partnered with some Baptist Churches situated along the Kiserian- Magadi road. One of them is in Elangata. We had a wonderful mission on 2nd October 2021. We started with capacity building workshops for core ministries and a closing revival fellowship. Our Church surprised us with generosity of giving. Our stores were filled with foodstuffs meant for the mission. We received Bibles and other items and this confirmed God was sending us for the mission. We plan to establish more outreach relationships and finally do major integral missions in Magadi-the cosmopolitan area.



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NBC WESTLANDS

WORSHIP SERVICES

When the second lockdown was announced in March, our members asked that we do not log into Ngong Road services as we did before. This prompted us to resort to zoom services which were hailed as much better than YouTube as it is closest to in person. For the first time in a year, the Zoom services enabled the part of the congregation who did not move to Farasi Lane in person services in August 2020 to connect with the rest of the church. Thanks to our media team and purchase of equipment, we are now able to transmit live services every Sunday.

Since the resumption of in person services in May 2021, our in person services have gone well. We got new young people and at one point, given the Covid protocols looked like we were getting out of space at Farasi Lane, this prompted a change in seating arrangements that has created more space. As the year has progressed and more people gotten vaccinated some of those who were not coming for the in person services have started coming.

PRINCE MINISTRY

In the first quarter on 2021, the "Holy Hand" CD was printed and made available for sale. Elaborate plans to launch the CD across the NBC assemblies have failed due to Covid 19 directives. The men are looking forward to launch the CD early next year and have been meeting for the last two months for practice. The men were also challenged to collaborate with the daughters on the "Adopt-a-child" ministry at Farasi Lane Primary School. They embraced the idea and every month the boy child at Farasi Lane has the opportunity to meet with mature men for mentorship and discipleship.

Every quarter of 2021, the men have also been able to have an online seminar which have gone a long way in addressing felt needs that were highlighted by men thorough a survey done early in the year.

FARASI LANE ADOPT A CHILD

We meet with the girls and boys every 2nd Tuesday of the month. You are welcomed to join us. Kindly register!



Mentorship session in progress for both girls and boys

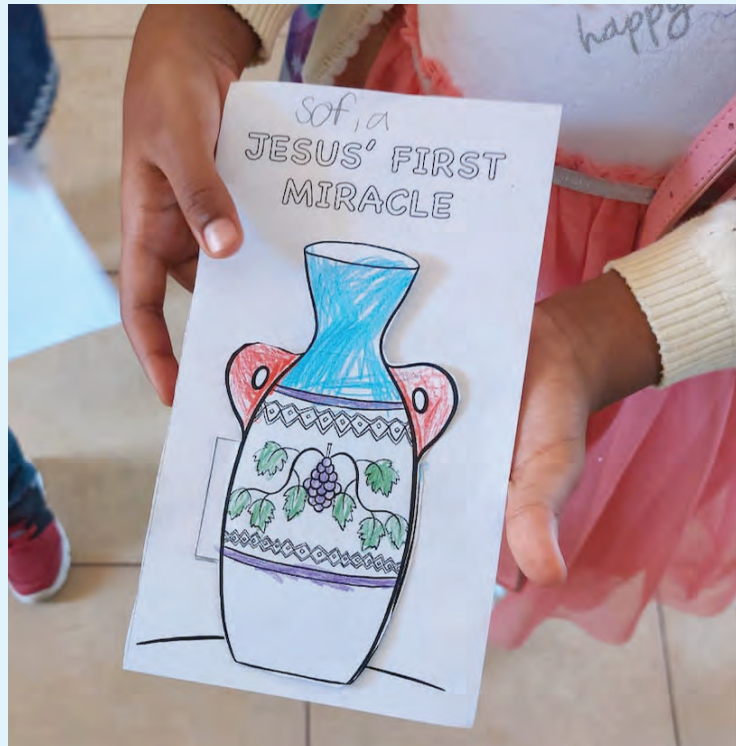
DAUGHTERS' MINISTRY

2021 has been a blessed year with many of the daughters sharing God's goodness and provision. When called upon to support various ministries they have given of themselves above and beyond. The quarterly online meetings have gone well and have enjoyed various speakers.

Daughters' have continuously connected in and through the Pandemic. Many are praying for and caring for each other. Part of the caring and outreach has been through Adopt a Child campaign at Farasi Lane Primary School where monthly mentorship of class 6-8 girls happen every second Tuesday of the month with three hundred and twenty two (322) girls. The daughters fundraised among themselves and bought a one year stock of pads for these girls, distributed during the mentorship meetings.

CHILDREN MINISTRY

Children ministry has grown in creativity, stories and fun learning. The teachers have been able to grow and have shown great commitment and diligence. We have seen a growth in our children's love for Sunday school fellowship and that has also helped parents to get on board. We have seen God answer a desire the church had to have Parents get involved in their children's Sunday school crafts and activities.



Jesus first miracle in craft

One baby dedication was also held where five (5) children were dedicated to the LORD. We thank God for the gift of children in every way.

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

We rebranded our young adults monthly fellowship and called it "INFLAME" to give it more focus and intentionality. We have four major Fs we focus on [Faith, Family, Finances and Fitness]. The young adults have also grown in taking leadership in the various ministry teams in the church. The Bible study was a challenge to hold after the lockdown and closure of church but the young adults quickly adapted and started meeting online on Google meet. The Bible study did not suffer and has continued.



Dating and waiting couples meeting

COUPLES MINISTRY

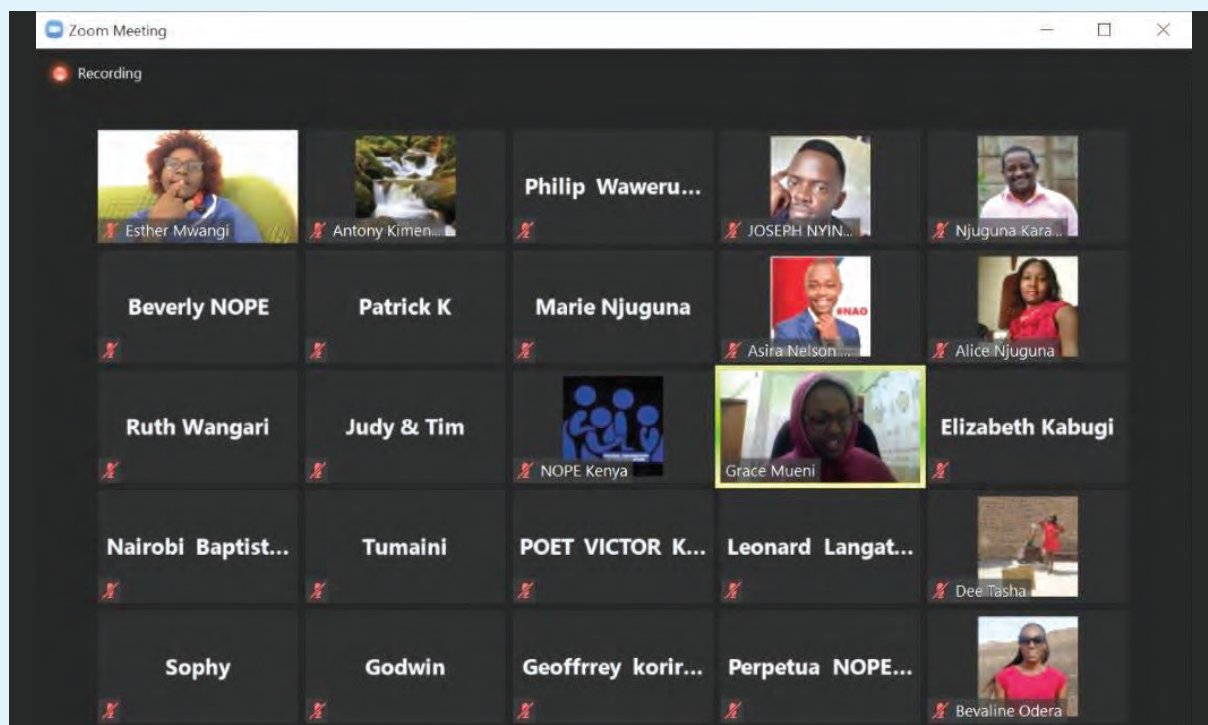
The couples have had two major and vibrant online seminars: "Marital Silence" and "Keeping the Mojo" with Dr Jane Ngatia and Prof Mumo Kisau respectively. We have been encouraged to see over thirty five (35) couples attend each seminar with some attending from outside the country, outside the city and a few from other churches. The online platform has opened the space for the ministry to reach more and we thank God.

The ministry also grew with five weddings from our "dating and waiting" ministry. The five (5) couples have now graduated to the recently launched "Ndoa Poa" ministry, a small group ministry is targeting those recently married. The space they left in the Dating and Waiting ministry was quickly filled by six other dating couples.

Early in the year a premarital counsellor's ministry was also formed with another five couples who are counselling those preparing to get married and so far we have had two groups go through the newly launched Premarital Counselling Ministry.

PRAYERS

We have had several prayer initiatives through the year including prayer drive/walk to possess our jurisdiction and a waiting and watching prayer week to claim our families. Our preservice prayers are vibrant and happen on Sundays between 9:00-9:30 am while our online prayer meeting happens on Thursdays. This year we had the privilege of being joined by an NGO "NOPE" in one of our Thursday prayer meeting. Besides, we have joined NBC global for the prayer and fasting weeks through the year. We are trusting God for more of our members to join the different prayer initiatives.



Online prayer meeting with NOPE

GIVING

We appreciate the congregation for their generous giving. Though a small congregation, we were able to surpass the target on 'Lifting the Axe' fundraising, by the grace of God. The members have also generously given in kind which has enabled us to buy Tea Urns, a projector, support social welfare needs among others. The congregation has also really stood side by side with those who have needed support in one way or another including, bereavement, sickness, weddings and loss of jobs. We have seen our motto of "loving out loud" come live in many instances.



ROPES @Farasi Lane

OUTREACH AND MISSION

The traditional outreach as we knew it before Covid has been greatly affected. However we thank God for planting us at Farasi Lane school. We have had an impact in the school and our presence is felt in the many ways we have been co-opted in the life of the school. Despite having no ROPES class in our church, we have over one hundred (100) students at Farasi Lane we are taking through the program. PPI happens every Friday at the school and we celebrated in April when almost all the students in class four committed their lives to the LORD. Recently the deputy principal handed to us two very needy families who we have started taking care of in terms of food, clothes among others pressing needs. We are also offering counselling services in the school after we were requested to intervene given high domestic violence. We have just started reaching out to the Farasi Lane secondary school within the same compound and we are trusting God to give us an ex-candidates ministry next year from the currently form fours.



Outreach at Farasi Lane Secondary School

CHALLENGES

Sharing facilities with students has not been easy. Our bathrooms keep breaking and needing repairs. Being in a public school has also meant we do not have Sunday school classes as the school can only afford to give us one class room. This is due to the high number of desks in the classrooms and lack of space to move the desks to create room for our Sunday school. The other big challenge has been setting up every Sunday morning and pulling everything down after the service including the movement of the equipments from Ngecha to Farasi Lane every Sunday. We look forward to the time we shall be able to move to our facility at Ngecha.

TESTIMONIES



Celebrate one of our own, from NBC Ongata Rongai, who was featured in Parents Magazine in January 2021 because of her ministry to street boys. ***(We thank God for those transforming nations, Press on and seize every opportunity presented by God!)***

I've seen God's favor. Someone I've been praying for dearly has been touched and has a huge change in demeanor. I continue to pray especially over marriages that they may be restored. Too many separations and divorces happening among the 40-50 year old group. ***Congregant, NBC Ngong Road (during prayer and fasting week)***

I have struggled with alcoholism for just under six years, this week as I abstained from food as part of my fast, the Lord took away my desire to drink! ***Congregant, NBC Ngong Road (during prayer and fasting week)***

It's beautiful thing to reflect back, how the year has been, His faithfulness, goodness and Mercy endures forever. This song, "I must have the Saviour with me",

it's a good reflection for next year, knowing that, we must have the Saviour with us no matter what.... For we dare not walk alone. Our soul shall fear no ill. He has promised us that he will lead us where he will and his footsteps follow us, His will guide us,

Therefore let us go without any murmur, and trust him forever. ***Congregant, NBC Ongata Rongai***

- 1 member reported that she was engaging people through Facebook by sharing God's word and had almost 9,000 followers.
- A member is doing Bible study with some ladies from her neighborhood and some even gave their lives to Christ.
- Congregants have deeply engaged in care within the small groups and have rallied towards families that have not had food or are unwell; sharing the love of Christ through the giving of food, fundraising and even visitation. ***Sampled testimonies from Testimony Sunday in May 2021***

Did you know that "Unforgettable" is a name or attribute we can give to the Lord Jesus?

Mrs I.O., with whom I shared Holy Communion yesterday, could not remember me even though we have known one another for almost 20 years and interacted together countless times. Amazingly though, she could remember the Lord Jesus and could remember that Holy Communion is something very important and something she has missed for long! So she was overjoyed to partake in it. So overjoyed that she insisted on escorting me to the gate even as she was assisted to walk!

Jesus is Unforgettable! ***NBC Pastor***



A member of NBC taking oath for an assignment as chair of selection panel for recruitment of IEBC Commissioners. Apr 2021

Praise the Lord,

This evening at around 6pm, I was ambushed by some five men at the bus stop besides Kenya Meteorological (Ngong road) within a minute after a drop off. The Lord defended me! They managed to get away with my bag handle only and one was hit by the bag to ground. I twisted my finger tip while clinging to the laptop bag. A boda boda guy assisted me by jumping into his motorbike as the guys still pursued me mugging.

The Lord be praised. It could have been worse! Glory to Him. **NBC Staff**

"Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me." Psalm 66:16. Let me take you way back...

In case you haven't noticed from the photo (photo withheld), the young man on the right is me, or was me. I was in form one. The two other equally young men were my friends and we were in the same class. On this particular day we had come from a drinking spree and chose to 'capture' the moment. And that is what marked my teenage years, especially when I was in high school - alcohol and drug abuse, sexual impropriety, unruliness etc. Honestly, from an observer's point of view, I would not have amounted to anything important.

The guy next to me dropped out of school before we even settled in Form 2. The tallest of us all in the photo was actually my best friend in Form 1. Sadly, he was shot dead by cops the year after we finished high school. What a painful funeral it was to attend, especially because that could easily have been me. All the signs suggested that only disaster loomed. I was involved with gangs of young men who were considered riff raffs. My fate seemed obvious - early death or drug addiction/overdose or a criminal life.... But Jesus!!

Jesus saved and delivered me from a life of and a love for sin and made me His own. He called me to Himself and made me a son in the Kingdom. He gave my life meaning and purpose. Where death loomed, He gave me life. Where darkness prevailed, He shed His light upon my heart. I lived as an enemy of God and eternal condemnation was my portion. But now I am a friend of God and I am assured of eternal life - to be in His presence forever and ever. What's more, Jesus called me to be a co-worker with Him in His vineyard. To be a shepherd for His bride, the Church. Ai, this God is too much... (insert Nigerian accent).

And that's my story. That is what God has done for me. May I never lose sight of what the cross means for me. I pray that you never lose sight also. **NBC Pastor**

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THE MOMENT



REPORT OF NBC INVESTMENTS LTD

We are grateful to God thus far he has brought us. According to our mandate of maximizing the use of the Church's assets, below is a summary of the progress made as at 30th September 2021:

1. Property management:

a) Rent collection

The economy is slowly improving and we foresee a positive growth that will consequently allow all our tenants to revert to market rate rent. We were able to collect a total rent of Kes. 9.2M as at 30th September 2021 against a projected level of Kes. 10.4M

b) Repair and maintenance

The parking at the NBC court was repainted and the NMC kitchen bathroom repaired. We continue to work on a priority list of repairs required at the various properties balancing these against funds available.

c) Micro school

The facility had significant issues as a result of flooding and underground water seepage. Following a review by a team of experts, the recommendations were implemented at a cost of Kes. 1.5M. We are thankful to God that the school is now operating with 38 students and have increased the rental income by 14% to Kes 110,000 monthly.



Playground for Sunday school and Micro-school

d) Annex Tenancy

The property is now in our possession after employees of the tenant surrendered the keys. Prior to this, we had filed for an eviction notice that the tenant objected to through submission in court. This objection is pending a court hearing. We are now looking forward to letting the property. The tenant had also filed a case against us; it is pending a ruling on notice from the court.

e) Billboard tenancy

We are grateful that we have had two clients occupy one side of the billboard for two months each. Currently, the Church has an advertisement of the Thursday prayer service on one side and the other side is also occupied. We continue to work with our partners – Ad World to get clients to occupy the billboard throughout the remaining part of the year.



Billboard

2. Projects

a) Borehole rehabilitation

A ramp was built to allow access to the borehole, and positive preliminary tests results were recorded. We have purchased an 8,000litre tank, built a tank tower and installed solar panels to power the bore-hole pump. The plumbing connections to the NMC are complete and we are working on connecting Bethel.

b) Cafeteria facilities

The tenant surrendered her lease as she faced challenges on staying open owing to the pandemic. The space is now vacant and the company is looking for a new tenant.

c) NBC Court

The renovations of the previously incomplete structure at the back of the property has not moved forward as the tenant has been unable to raise funding. We have been patient and will have to re-advertise for a new potential tenant.

3. Jabavu (the Manse) Property

There has been no tangible progress on this property. There are a number of ongoing conversations and we will report to members, once there is a tangible offer.



Borehole



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